

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Final Official Action dated 16 December 2005 has been carefully considered, along with cited references, applicable sections of the Patent Act, Patent Rules, the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure and relevant decisional law.

The disclosure is objected to because of several informalities.

In response, the specification has been carefully revised according to the Examiner's suggestions.

Claims 8 and 9 are objected to because of several informalities.

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 8-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In response, the claim language of claims 8-11 has been carefully revised in order to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 8 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chiang (6,457,386) in view of Lewis (1,324,258).

However, the Examiner has kindly indicated that claims 9 and 10 would be allowable if written to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office Action, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, claim 9 which is indicated to be allowable has

been deleted, and has been included into claim 8.

Claim 10 has been amended to be dependent on the amended claim 8.

Claim 11 is dependent on the amended claim 8.

Accordingly, claims 8 and 10-11 would appear to be allowable, and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is accordingly most respectfully solicited.

Courtesy and cooperation of Examiner MULLER are appreciated.

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